frock of blue and white, and a big broken down at the last moment. He hat shading her eyes from the sun. would make the trip to Worthing after She was reading a book while waiting for the boat to start. The Spray, a small pleasure steamer, tugged at her

mooring ropes off Brighton pier.

The Honorable Geoffrey Mannering watched, from the deck of the West Pier, this fragile figure of a girl. There was something more than admiration the legislation of the Spray. She

brella in a soaking downpour made us acquainted. I should not have presumed upon such a triviality, but—but"— he broke off as the siren of the Spray shrieked impatiently—"but I fell in love with her upon the spot," he added.

Complished. There had been no panic, but her two boats were filled to the very gunwales with their human freight. Six men were venturing to swim to meet the boats, putting off from the shore. Geoffrey Mannering love with her upon the spot," he added.

There had been no panic, but her deeps of a passion she believed she had sealed forever, broke forth. She clung, almost fainting, to his broad shoulders. Richard Molyneux it was whom she had loved in the past. He exercised an extraordinary fascination love with her upon the spot," he added. "and that's the plain, sweet, madden-ing truth."

A band commenced to play softly under the bridge of the boat. Verna Moore glanced up at the sound, and Geoffrey turned away swiftly, moving fying sensation as of floating upon inoff with long strides.

disappointment.

from the effects of an illness. She his confession. He had said: "I love had met Geoffrey Mannering there for you; loved you from the day that we the first time.

"Yes, I'm in love; but, having made There had been a long and dreadful the confession to myself, I must forget pause, while she wrestled with her

married to Claire Ashberry, a baro-net's daughter, and an heiress. It had which we cannot overcome." been an early attachment; it had grad-ually developed into an engagement, wards, the accident had occurred. The partly because everyone expected that sea was very cold; the warm suns of it would, and Society insisted upon it. summer had not yet penetrated its I had a fast car—"Yet now, Geoffrey remembered certain chilly bosom. He was becoming stiff You have! There

She was sitting astern, in a pretty ished. Mannering's resolution had

"Put your hands higher up, Verna,

he engine room of the Spray. She "I've been caddish enough," he mut-tered. "The girl is scarcely more than a stranger to me. The loan of an um-brella in a soaking downpour made us the complished. There had been no panic, but her two boats were filled to the love with her upon the spot," he added, was one of them. He had assured "and that's the plain, sweet, madden. Verna of his ability to save her if she "I came to see Geoffrey," she exwould trust herself to him rather than

finite depth.

"I must not go; I must not, really."
he told himself. Heaven forbid that I should win her heart!"

Verna had seen Geoffrey as he

The strong frame of the swimmer supporting her moved forward with its steady strokes. How calm he seemed; how confident! At that moment she turned away. A glow of color swam loved him most; yet at that moment into her cheeks, followed by a look of she knew that she might never be

Verna Moore was a governess. She On the return journey to Brighton, had been sent to Brighton to recover Geoffrey had told her all; had made met. "That is all my defence."

There had been a long and dreadful it, drop this affair like a hot coal," pain, with her temptation. Then say goodbye. Geoffrey told himself. "It is just madhad answered: "We must say goodbye. We must never meet again. When we land, we must shake hands for the last we could not help loving me Madness, it was. For the Hon, Geof-frey Mannering was engaged to be any more than I could help loving you.

"Again!" growled Molyneux. "I seem Experience of an Old-Timer in mable to give that brute the slip. Through the open window he heard the roar of a motor-car. It ceased as it drew near to the building. Up and down paced the fugitive, fuming and

Suddenly he turned swiftly. The door was open, and he heard the voice of Geoffrey's servant:

gotten."

Molyneux, whose feelings never be-trayed him, turned to the servant and dismissed him with a couple of words. Then he faced the newcomer; he took her hands; he looked long and ardentlong green swell, travelling shoreward. ly into her face, which paled, then burned with crimson.

"Claire! You here? After all these years!"

The woman trembled. In a moment the deeps of a passion she believed she

plained hurriedly. "I am staying at Hastings. He expected me at Brighton to-day. I came over to tell him that I must defer my visit. That is all. And you—you—what are you doing here, in this room? Geoffrey's

"Didn't you know that he was a friend of mine?"

"A friend—to you?" Claire disengaged herself from those strong arms.

"I m. him two hours back. He promised to hide me."
"To hide you?" The voice rang out

in alarm. "True enough." Molyneux laughed bitterly. "Come here," said he, drawing her to the window. "You see that man-ah, there are

three of them. Trapped!" Forgetful of everything save his danger, Claire Ashberry clung to Molyneux's arm. "Who are they, Richard? Who are those men?" she demanded

imperiously.
"Police officers. Let me go, dear one. Yes, the old game. State papers; a secret sold. You'd better let me go. I must escape.

"You must escape; you shall!" cried Claire, wildly.
"How?" The thing's impossible. If

You have! There is mine; it is waiting for me. Come—oh, come quickly!" she implored.

For an instant Molyneux stood irressolute; then he said quite calmly: "I will. And you?"

"I go with you," said Claire steadily. "I shall strike northward into the Dover road, if possible, and quit England to-night," he answered. "Where you go, I go also," said

They ran from the room. The car waited at the rear of the hotel. A minute later they were flying like a gale down the King's Road.

"You mean to tell me, Clarkson, seriously, that I have been in bed three

"Three days, sir," answered Geoffrey's servant.

about those two visitors," went on Geoffrey, thoughtfully. "They went off went on together, you say? Geoffrey broke the seal of the letter which had just arrived, and which bore a foreign postmark. He sat as if stunned, while his eyes read again and again one passage in the communication:

"Call my conduct madness, or by whatever term you will. I cannot fight against fate, I have married Richard Molyneux. We shall live abroad. He has promised me many things. Forgive me, Goeffrey; or if you cannot forgive, forget me.'

Geoffrey rose after a long silence. He turned his steps toward the Old Steyne, but he had not covered a hundred vards before he saw her-Vernasitting on a chair on the Brunswick lawns. She was looking out to sea. A gorgeous sunset had purpled the waters of the channel.

Geoffrey went up to her, softly, slowly, so that she did not hear his approach. And, leaning over her chair, suddenly, he whispered in her ear: "Verna. it was not good-bye-after

LION AGAINST TIGER.

Greater Bravery Shown By the Smaller Animal.

The owner of a one-ring circus traveling through the West this summer found himself in sore straits through the death of a much advertised lion which was the star attraction of the show. With a fertility born of necessity he advertised in the nearby papers for a "brave man." A good, strapping Irisnman applied for the po-

"My pet lion has just died," said the showman, "and I will give you \$5 a day if you will robe yourself in his skin and go through his tricks. All you have is two performances a day; cash money." The Irishman readily assented to the proposition and being of bright wit and intelligence soon learned all that was required of him. The first afternoon of the show he went through the paces well, enclosed in a large iron cage and occasionally emitting a roar to startle the guileless countrymen. In the evening the manager thought he would cap the climax by announcing to the audience that he would place the lion in the tiger's cage. On hearing this the son of Erin was terrified beyond comprehension. However, with trembling steps he went into the tiger's cage, but at once crept up into a corner, praying to himself. "Faith, God help me in this terrible trouble," he moaned. "Kape away from me the scratches of the big cat."

"G'wan." replied the tiger, "phwat yer snaking up there like that, ain't meself too a wearer of the green?"

Flight of Balloons. On his recent visit at Ostend, the Shah of Persia had a whole lot of fun when he cut a string holding 100 toy

the Wilds of Idaho.

"In the winter of '67," said an old miner, now in Uncle Sam's service, at Washington, "I was living in a cabin by myself in the mountains of Idaho, about seven miles from Idaho "No, he will not be long, madam; and if you will wait—ah, I had forgotten."

the postmaster, an Irishman and bachelor, who kept the toll house between Idaho City and the long that the postmaster, and only neighbor the postmaster that the postmaster t City, my nearest and only neighbor mountain towns.

A well-dressed and beautiful figuro entered the room. Seeing Molyneux, she uttered a sry of astonishment. Molyneux, whose feelings never betrayed him, turned to the servant and towns.

"My cabin was about two miles mountains. The snow which had been falling at intervals for several trayed him. months, lay about 10 feet on a level around my cabin, and my only method of travel was by snow shoes.

"I had made my tri-weekly run to see if the stage had brought any letters to the toll house for me; and while adjusting my snow shoes, preparatory to starting back, I heard a bellowing and pawing. A Texas steer, which had separated himself from the herd which had lately passed toward the town, was angrily shaking his head at me about 100 feet distant. He had run past the house from the road up the little straight path which Pat had kept open to his spring, and after drinking and turning around, had become bewildered, the snow being at least eight feet deep on either side of the

"This was my direct route home, and although, if I had kept on top of the snow, he could not have pursued me, the spirit of my school-boy days revived, and I removed my snow shoes and immediately made two little icy snow balls. At right angles with the path to the spring another and a similar path had been cleared to a cabin about the same distance from the toll house. As I fired the two



balls in rapid succession, striking him with one in his eye, and with the other on his forehead, the steer again bellowed with rage, and lower-ing his read, made a rush for me. Of course I could have simply turned and gone in the toll house, but I thought to prolong the excitement, and so made a dash for the cabin. As I neared it, I saw with dismay that it was unoccupied and fastened with chain and padlock on the out-side. The path ended at the cabin with ten feet of snow piled at my left and in front, the walls as smooth and perpendicular as a house.

"One thinks quickly at such moments, and the ridge pole which usually extends from miners' cabins foot or more beyond the main building on which to hang meat and game proved my salvation. I do not know how high a jump I made to grasp it. but I am sure that I never equaled it before or since.

"As I swung my body over the pole the horns of the infuriated animal "A queer yarn, this, that you tell me ripped off the lower part of my outside woollen shirt, and while I smiled down serenely from my point of vantage, I most devoutly thanked the good Lord that He never fails to keep good watch over drunken men

WHEN LOST IN THE WOODS.

If You Have an Axe, You May Not Have a Bad Time.

To get lost in the woods is not an uncommon occurrence, and what to do under the circumstances is so well told by Horace Kephart in "Field and Stream" that readers fond of camping and woodcraft will be interested:

"The first thing that one should do when he realizes that he has lost his bearings in a wild country is to stop and sit down. Don't take one more step until you have recovered your wits so that you can trace on the ground with a stick your probable course since leaving the camp, and mark on it the estimated location of such watercourses and other landmarks as you have passed. Then make up your mind that if you must stay out all night, alone in the woods, it is no killing matter, but likely an interesting adventure. Having recovered your mental balance, take note of the lay of the land around you, the direction of its drainage, the character of its vegetation, and the hospitalities that it offers to a night-bound traveler, in the way of drinking-water, sound down wood, natural shelter and browse. Then blaze a tree on four sides-make big blazes that can be seen from any direction. Do this even though there be several hours of daylight ahead, and although you have no present intention of staying here; for you do know that this spot is only so many hours from camp by back trail, and that you may have good reason to return to it.

"Now try to get an outlook over the surrounding country. In flat woods this will be difficult. If you can risk climbing a tall tree do so. Select one that you can climb, and having gained your outlook, note the compass direction of watercourses and other land marks, mapping them on a bit of paper, for a lost man's memory is treacherous. The courses of small streams show where the main valley lies. Decide where to go, take the compass direction, note how the sun strikes it, and descend.

"Now, as you travel, make bush marks by making blazes on trees or breaking a shrub here and there along the trail, so you will easily follow your way back should you have to pass the night in the woods."

Americans Going to Mexico.

During the last two years over 1.500 immigrants from Oklahoma and other parts of the Southwest have located in the single State of Tamaulipas, Mexico. They have made a settlement known as the Blaylock Colony, just west of Escandon on the Gulf Railway, and have built churches, school houses and stores, and enjoy the fullest liberty of action. So it seems that Americans are crossing the southern boundary as they are the northern one to Canada.

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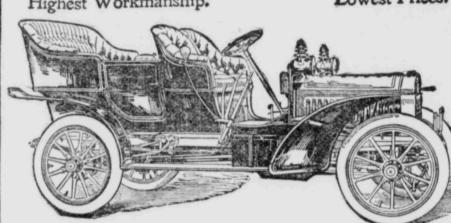
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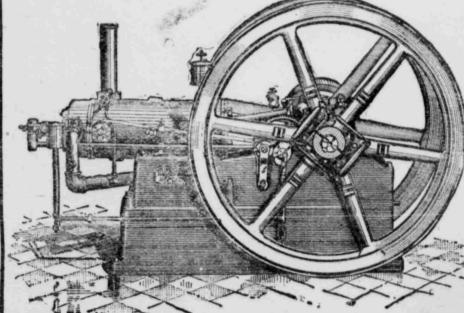


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"IT WAS NOT GOOD-BYE - AFTER ALL!"

spoke to him.

er-you need not know his namebetween us, and he went abroad, promising never to see me again."

passengers for her trip to Worthing. She would start in five minutes. Geoffrey hesitated. A hand was laid upon his shoulder, and a voice said, speaking in a low

Again the Spray shrieked for more

tone: "Why, Mannering, is it you?"
Geoffrey turned. He was face to face with an exceedingly handsome

"Molyneux-you!" "Hush! for heaven's sake!" expostu-

"Ah! You are watched-as usua!?

lated the other, turning pale.

Still playing your deep and perilous games? "Yes, yes. I'm in a bad fix, a tight corner, I must hide for a spell.' "What-in England? In Brighton? I could understand it in Vienna-where we met last six years back. A political spy who steals a secret from the Aus-

trians might as well be in Vesuvius as on Austrian soil, and-"No, you are wrong, I'm wanted in England. Certain papers I obliged the German Government with. You under-

Geoffrey drew back, his face flushed with anger. "What!" he exclaimed, you stopped so low as that?"
"A fortune was in it." "You traitor!" "Curse it! Speak quietly. I belong

me. You know that. Come, hide me somewhere! For old times' sake!" A bell clanged on board the Spray. Geoffrey snatched at his card case, scribbling a line. "There," he said, "go to the Hotel C—, give my man that card. He'll look after you until

to no nationality. I serve all who ask

"A thousand thanks, Geoffrey. If ever-" The sentence was left unfin- tlemanly-looking fellow.

words which Claire Ashberry once with cold. The girl's weight, which all!" had felt so light at first, now pressed "I have always liked you," she had him lower and lower . The sea kept said, "and am willing to become your washing over his face. Onward he wife; yet I must tell you that anoth- swam, though drawing now upon that strength which despair will give. At awoke a feeling deeper than liking, and a furlong from the shore he was seen. claimed my heart. But there were ob- A boat turned his way. Then came stacles in the way; my parents came a final struggle to keep afloat. He was dragged on board with his burden when at the point of utter exhaustion.

The journey shoreward gave him time to recover strength. With his own hands he lifted Verna into a cab. They were driven to her lodgings in Old Steyne. He took her in his arms and gave her one long, passionate kiss. Then, with a repressed sob, he left He was never to meet Verna again. She had pointed his way of duty, and he must follow it.

Geoffrey turned his steps toward his

It was afternoon. A procession of every conceivable kind of carriage rolled along the King's Road. By the Brunswick lawns, tearing along the front at a mad speed, came a powerful motor car. The driver was a man, and at his side, closely veiled, sat a lady. Scarcely perceiving the rushing car, Geoffrey crossed in front of it. A loud shout and a furious bellow from a horn made him look up as he dashed for-

ward. Surely he knew the driver? And that veiled lady? Something in the poise of her body suggested a name-but no, he told himself that he was half silly, nearly dropping with fatigue.

Geoffrey staggered into his rooms. His valet met him just in time to save bim from falling. For at that mo-ment his senses left him, and he lost consciousness.

. . . It was an hour before the accident which sank the Spray in six fathoms off Brighton beach. Richard Molyneux, ex-army officer,

gamester, spy, duellist, waited in much perturbation in Geoffrey's private sitting room at the Hotel C-Molyneux noticed that the space between the portico grounds and the distant sea was patrolled by a gen-

balloons which a woman was offering for sale. He laughed heartily at her distress, but later paid her amply for